IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA

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CASE NUMBER: CV-96-215

RICHARD L. SEABORN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION TESTIMONY OF:

DWIGHT HINSON

JUNE 8, 1999

BEFORE:

TERRY E. CRUTCHFIELD, COMMISSIONER, RPR

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## STIPULATIONS

IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties through their respective counsel, that the deposition of:

## DWIGHT HINSON,

may be taken before Terry E. Crutchfield, R.P.R., Commissioner and Notary Public, at the law offices of Lightfoot, Franklin & White, L.C., The Clark Building, 400 20th reet North, Birmingham, Alabama, on the Eth day of June, 1999, commencing at about 9:15 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that it shall not be necessary for any objections to be made by counsel as to any question, and that counsel for the part may make objections and assign grounds at the time of the trial, or at the time said deposition is offered in evidence, or prior thereto.

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In accordance with Rule 5(d) of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended, effective May 15, 1988, I, TERRY E. CRUTCHFIELD, am hereby delivering to MR. R. GRAHAM ESDALE, the original transcript of the oral testimony taken on the 8th day of June, 1999, along with exhibit's.

Please be advised that this is the same and not retained by the Court Report, nor filed with the Court.

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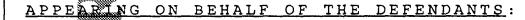
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Reporter, acting as Commissioner, certify that on this date as provided by Rule 30 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, and the foregoing stipulations of counsel, there came before me at the law offices of Lightfoot, Franklin & White, L.L.C., The Clark Building, 400 20th Street North, Birmingham, Alabama, on the 8th day of June, 1999, commencing at or about 9:15 a.m. WIGHT HINSON, witness in the above cause, for oral examination, whereupon,

## DWIGHT HINSON,

having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

THE REPORTER: Usual

stipulations?

MR. ESDALE: I don't know about

reading and signing.

MR. STUHAN: We do want him to

1 read and sign this transcript. 2 MR. ESDALE: Other than that, I 3 assume usual stipulations are all right? MR. STUHAN: If usual means that all objections are preserved except as to the form of the question, yes, I agree to that. EXAMINATION BY MR. ESDALE: Will you state your name, pleas sir? A. Dwight Hinson. Where do you live, Mr. Hinson? [DELETED] What is your address? Business or physical? Physical. [DELETED] Q. And your business address? 3150 Tine, T-i-n-e, Avenue, Montgomery 36108. 22 23 Q. How are you employed?

| 1          | A. By W.L. Petrey Wholesale             |   |
|------------|---|---|
| 2          | Company. Petrey is spelled P-e-t-r-e-y. |   |
| 3          | Q. Right. How long have you worked      |   |
| 4          | for Petrey?                             |   |
| 5          | A. Five and a half years, a little      |   |
|            | over five and a half.                   |   |
|            | Q. Let me back up just a little         |   |
|            | bit. Where are you from originally?     |   |
| 9          | A. Originally from North Carolina.      |   |
| 1.0        | Did you is that where you               |   |
| 11         | went to high school?                    |   |
|            | A. Correct.                             |   |
| 13         | And what about college?                 |   |
|            | A. In the state of North Carolina,      |   |
| <b>1</b> 5 | also.                                   |   |
| 46)        | Where did you go to college?            |   |
| 17         | A. Appalachian State and then           |   |
| 1.8        | finia at N.C. State.                    |   |
|            | Q. What is your degree in?              |   |
| 20         | A. Administration.                      |   |
| 21         | Q. When you got out of college          | 1 |
| 2 2        | what year did you graduate?             |   |
| 2 3        | A. '77.                                 |   |
| •          |   | • |

| 1               | Q. Where did you go to work?       |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 2               | A. Immediately out of college?     |
| 3               | Q. Yes, sir.                       |
| 4               | A. Carolina Country Club, which is |
| ,,,,,, <u> </u> | a club in Raleigh, North Carolina. |
|                 | Q. How long did you work there?    |
| •               | A. Six months.                     |
| 8               | Q. And then?                       |
| 9               | A. Went to work for Reynolds       |
| 40              | Tobacco:                           |
| 11              | So that would have been in?        |
| <b>3</b> 2      | A. '78, February '78, I think it   |
|                 | Wes.                               |
| 14              | Did you go to work in              |
| 15              | Winst Salem?                       |
| 2.6             | A. No.                             |
| <b>4:2</b>      | What was your territory or         |
| 1.6             | well. What did you do for          |
|                 | Reynolds when you started?         |
| 2.0             | A. I was a sales representative.   |
| 2 1             | Q. Where were you stationed?       |
| 2 2             | A. In Roanoke Rapids, North        |
| 2 3             | Carolina.                          |
|                 |                                    |

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| Q. | How | long | were  | vou | in | Roanoke?  |
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- A. About a year and two months.
- Q. Were you transferred?
- A. I quit.
- Q. Okay. So you were -- your first employment with R.J. Reynolds was for about a year and two months?

Correct.

And then you went to work for

I just became self-employed. What kind of work were you

Beer and ice cream.

Routes?

No. Shops in Macon, Georgia.

Like floats or -- no, I'm just

That's such an odd combination.

A. They were -- it was a beer box where you could drive up and buy case beer and then drive-in ice cream shops.

- Q. How long did you do that?
- A. Six months.

| 1          | Q. Then where?                           |
|------------|--|
| 2          | A. I went back with Reynolds.            |
| 3          | Q. In what capacity?                     |
| 4          | A. Sales rep.                            |
| » <b>5</b> | Q. What area?                            |
|            | A. Jacksonville, North Carolina.         |
| ***        | Q. How long there?                       |
| 8          | A. I was there five years.               |
|            | At the time you went to work for         |
| 10         | R.J. Reynolds, either the first time or  |
| 11         | the second time, were there any training |
| 32         | programs or courses or anything that you |
|            | Manual take when you first started?      |
|            | A. No. It was just on-the-job            |
| 15         | training.                                |
| 36         | Q. Were you given any type of an         |
| 1.7        | employee handbook or anything like that, |
| 9.0        | that can recall?                         |
|            | A. I don't recall.                       |
| 2.0        | Q. All right. So you were in             |
| 21         | Jacksonville, North Carolina about five  |
| 2 2        | years?                                   |
| 2 3        | A. That's correct.                       |
|            |  |

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|       | Q.         | Did  | you | r j | ob    | dυ         | ıti  | e s   | and  |            |
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|       | Α.         | Corr | ect |     |       |            |      |       |      |            |
|       | Q.         | And  | you | r t | itl   | lе         | bе   | ing   | g a  | sales      |
| rep   | ?          |      |     |     |       |            |      |       |      |            |
|       | Α.         | Corr | ect |     |       |            |      |       |      |            |
|       | 10         | Wher | e d | id  | you   | 1 Ç        | 30 · | a f t | ter  | you left   |
| Jac   | k son vil  | le?  |     |     |       |            |      |       |      |            |
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| Car   | diama.     |      |     |     |       |            |      |       |      |            |
|       | <b>Q</b> . | Stil | l a | s a | ı sa  | al e       | e s  | rej   | p?   |            |
|       | A.         | Yeah | , c | all | inc   | <b>a</b> c | on · | mi:   | lita | ıry        |
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|       | Α.         | Abou | te  | igh | ıt r  | nor        | nth  | s.    |      |            |
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Huntsville, Alabama.

- Q. Approximately what year was that, if you recall?
  - A. It was '85.
  - Q. And how long were you in

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| 1              | Huntsville, Alabama?                      |        |
| 2              | A. About six years.                       |        |
| 3              | Q. So that would have taken you up        |        |
| 4              | to about '91 approximately?               |        |
| <sub>)</sub> 5 | A. Correct.                               |        |
|                | Q. Were you a sales rep in                |        |
| 7              | Huntsville, Alabama?                      |        |
|                | A Assistant division manager.             |        |
| 2              | Is that a promotion from a sales          |        |
| 40             | rep?                                      |        |
| 11             | Correct.                                  |        |
| # 2            | Q. Did that occur at the time they        |        |
|                | moved you from Charleston, South Carolina |        |
| 24             | to Huntsville, Alabama?                   |        |
| 15             | Correct.                                  |        |
| 46             | Q. Where did you go in '91?               |        |
| <b>3.7</b>     | To Montgomery, Alabama.                   |        |
| 1.6            | Is that when you left R.J.                | ,<br>F |
|                | Reynolds, or were you still               | C      |
| 2.0            | A. No, I was still with Reynolds.         | ò      |
| 2 1            | Q. So you went to Montgomery in           |        |
| 2 2            | '91. What was your position with the      |        |
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| 1          | Q. How many salesmen do you have           |  |
|------------|--|--|
| 2          | working underneath you?                    |  |
| 3          | A. Probably seventy.                       |  |
| 4          | Q. What type of geographic area do         |  |
| , 5<br>,   | you cover, or does your sales force cover? |  |
| <b>1</b>   | A. We cover Alabama, Georgia,              |  |
| ·          | Panhandle Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi. |  |
|            | Q. Are you responsible for all of          |  |
| 9          | these geographic areas you just named?     |  |
| 10         | Parts of them. All parts                   |  |
| 11         | most                                       |  |
| 372        | In other words, is there another           |  |
| 12         | manager with W.L. Petrey that would        |  |
| <b>1.4</b> | also                                       |  |
| <b>1</b> 5 | That would carry the cover                 |  |
| 96         | the North Alabama and Tennessee.           |  |
| 1.7        | Who is that?                               |  |
| 1.8        | Jack Sanders.                              |  |
|            | Q. Going back real quick through           |  |
| 2.0        | your work with R.J. Reynolds, what were    |  |
| 21         | your general duties as a sales rep?        |  |
|            | MP STUUNN. Are you asking him              |  |

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about any particular job, or are you

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asking him about his duties as a sales representative during the entire time that he held that position in different geographical locations?

Q. (BY MR. ESDALE) Well, I think generally, and if they differ from area to area, you can explain that to me. But just generally, I guess, what were your job duties and responsibilities?

Obviously, you're not going to be calling on the same people in Roanoke as you would be in packsonville. But as far as calling accounts and all, they might be the same. If you could, explain that to me just sa I can get an idea about what a sales rep with R.J. Reynolds does, particularly you, but generally, also.

I was responsible for the distribution of products at retail and the point of sale or the advertisement that was associated to displays that we might have in the store.

Q. Were you calling on any type of

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accounts particularly, let's say, in Jacksonville?

- A. It was a -- mainly anyone that sold cigarettes whether -- if it was a convenience store or supermarket or the military.
- Q. A minute ago you mentioned products. Were there -- were you responsible for any products other than cigarettes?
- At that time we had the responsibility of the smoking and chewing driving on of Reynolds, also.
- O. Were you responsible for any products other than tobacco products?

  A. No.
- At some point in time, did they divided p smoking and chewing?
- A. I'm not familiar with the exact year, but somewhere in the -- probably the early to mid '80s, they sold the smoking and the chewing part to other companies, and smoking and chewing being Prince

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Albert, Carter Hall, and the chewing being Days Work and Work Horse, those type brands.

- And then I assume you're separating smoking, meaning smoking other than cigarette products?
  - Α. Correct.
- Do you have a general guess about when that would have been? MR. STUHAN: I object to that You shouldn't ask the witness question. to speculate, and the witness shouldn't **m**pecmaate.

I don't -- I don't know the date

(BY MR. ESDALE) Was it before

I don't recall that either.

Was it, if you know, before your promotion to assistant division

manager?

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I think so, but I'm not positive.

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Q. Okay. You don't, as we sit here today, recall any, as an assistant division manager in Huntsville, Alabama, any particular sales responsibilities as it relates to chewing tobacco or --

- A. No.
- Q. -- non-cigarette products?
- A. No.

representative?

Q. When you said you were responsible for the distribution of product what responsibilities, if you can be more specific, did you have as far as the distribution of the product goes?

MR. STUHAN: Are you talking about the times when he was a sales

MR. ESDALE: Yes.

responsible for the distribution, really was not responsible for distributing the product to the stores. I was responsible for making sure that a product was available in the store. They would order

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the product themselves through someone else.

Q. (BY MR. ESDALE) Okay. Explain to me in a little bit more detail. When you say a product, are you talking about just every product that R.J. Reynolds made? Were y'all trying to, you know, make sure that there was shelf space available for it, or were there particular products you were primarily responsible for? And if it didn't work either one of those ways, if you can explain it to me.

brands available in the store through either a display or shelf space.

Q. How did you do that, make sure that there were displays or shelf space available in stores which, I assume, R.J. Reynolds didn't own?

A. I would work with the owners of the stores in securing space that was available.

Q. And how did you do that? In

3 There were -- through 4 space. point in time end? Meferming to the time frame. Correct. Ο. 22 maintaining a display?

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relationships or either there was some contract monies available back then where you would actually pay them for their You say contract monies were available back then. Did that at some Back then was just -- yeah, I think it still exists, but I was just When you were a sales rep? What is a contract money? It's monies that's paid by the tobases company for maintaining a position for display within the store. Would different retail establishments charge different prices for

other words, how would you secure a spot

in a store by working with the owner?

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Well, now, the contract was

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available to them at a certain rate, and if they wanted to participate in that contract, it was the same available contract for everyone.

- Q. Do you know what the rate was?
- A. No. I can't remember what the rates were back then.
- O. Okay. Did you actually, as a representative of R.J. Reynolds, enter into contracts with the retailers, or was that handled by someone else?
- I would write the contract, or I would have the contract signed, if it was already written, between myself and the retailer --
  - Q. Okay.
- -- if it was an independent account.
- Q. And then, to the best of your recollection, what were the retailer's responsibilities and duties under the contract as far as maintaining space or making space available to R.J. Reynolds?

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|      | <b>A</b> . | Their  | dutie | s were to  | ensure that |
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| the  | produ      | ct was | or    | that the   | display was |
| full | land       | that i | t was | unobstruct | ted.        |

- Q. When you say a display, can you be a little more specific, or were there numerous ones in the store, or is it just a main -- like a cigarette center, or how did that work?
- A. A display could have been either on the counter, or it could have been a floor.

Now, I assume then some of these contracts provided for more than one display unit?

A. Correct.

Who made the determination as to which oducts would be displayed once a contract had been agreed upon?

- A. The company, being Reynolds.
- Q. Okay. Was that something that was information that was sent down to you through the chain of command in the sales

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2 decide on that as a sales rep as to which of your products needed more display? 3 4 It came down through the chain of command. Q. If you would, at the time you became assistant division manager in Huntsville, Alabama, can you tell me what the basic structure of the sales force was in that time period from, say, '85 to '91? MR. STUHAN: Are you asking about the basic structure of the sales rce in the Huntsville territory? MR. ESDALE: If it was different from erywhere else. MR. STUHAN: Well, I don't know if the witness knows about the structure of the ales force anywhere else is why I asked for that clarification. In Huntsville, it was basically Α. a division manager, two assistants, and 22 roughly nine to ten sales reps.

force, or did you have the ability to

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(BY MR. ESDALE) Who was the

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| 1           | back in that time period?                  |
|-------------|--|
| 2           | A. He oversaw the division, being          |
| 3           | the two assistants and the sales reps      |
| 4           | Q. Did you                                 |
| ,           | A and their duties                         |
|             | Q. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to             |
| ***         | interrupt you.                             |
| 8           | A. And their duties that they              |
| 9           | performed.                                 |
|             | Q. Were the duties that the sales          |
| 11          | rep per ormed during the time you were in  |
| <b>3</b> 12 | Huntsville, Alabama approximately or about |
|             | Note some as they were that you described  |
|             | to me just previously, and that is,        |
| 485         |  |
| ars)        | calling on accounts, making sure displays  |
| 4.6         | were or products displayed and things      |
| 1.7         | of that nature?                            |
| 1.8         | That's correct.                            |
|             | Q. What geographical area were or          |
| 2.0         | was the division manager over you when you |
| 2 1         | were in Huntsville responsible for?        |
| 2 2         | A. Geographically?                         |
|             |  |
| 2 3         | Q. Yes.                                    |

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| Α.    | North | Alabama, | from | Cullman |
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- Q. And was that the way sales territories were divided, by geographic areas?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. Was that limited to just North Alabama, or did you have portions of Georgia and Tennessee and --

Just North Alabama.

Cullman north?

Correct.

just for a second. Do you know what the structure of the sales force was above the division manager level in that time period between '85 and '91?

I know who my immediate boss was after Tom Odom, and that was a regional manager.

- Q. Okay. Who was that?
- A. At that time, it was Jim

Smotherman.

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| 1          |   | Q.           | Were regions also geographic?    |  |
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| 2          |   | Α.           | That's correct.                  |  |
| 3          |   | Q.           | Do you know what area,           |  |
| 4          | geogi                                   | caphic       | c area Jim Smotherman was        |  |
| 5          | respo                                   | nsibl        | le for?                          |  |
| <b>6</b>   |   | Α.           | I know that he had part of the   |  |
| <b>**</b>  | State                                   | e of A       | Alabama and the eastern part of  |  |
| 8          | Tenne                                   | ssee.        | •                                |  |
|            |   | Q .~         | Do you know how many divisions   |  |
| 10         | appro                                   | ximat        | tely a regional manager would    |  |
| 1 1        | have                                    | <b>xe</b> pc | onsibility over?                 |  |
| 12         |   | Α.           | It would have been five or six.  |  |
|            |   | ٥.           | Do you know about how many       |  |
| 14         | divi                                    | ions         | there are in Alabama?            |  |
| <b>1</b> 5 |   |              | At that time, there were only    |  |
| 1.6        | two,                                    | Ithi         | ink.                             |  |
| 1.7        |   | Q.,          | Did they have any go ahead.      |  |
| 1.0        |   | <b>A</b>     | Three. Excuse me.                |  |
| 19         |   | Q.           | All right. Did they have any     |  |
| 2.0        | desid                                   | natic        | on like the northern division,   |  |
| 2 1        |   |              | vision, or southern division, or |  |
| 2 2        |   |              | like that?                       |  |
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city they were in.

- Q. What divisions back at that time do you recall there being?
- A. Huntsville, Birmingham, and Montgomery.
- Q. And it's my understanding you became the division manager in 1991 for the Montgomery division?

That's correct.

Did you have assistant division managers underneath you beginning in 1991?

A. No. I operated separately.

Was there any reason for that?

That was just the manpower

issued

Was less required?

It was just less sales reps.

How many sales reps did you have

underneath you?

- A. Eight, I think. Eight or nine.
- Q. What geographic territory were you responsible for as a division manager?
  - A. Middle part of Alabama from

| 1                                     | Clanton to Troy, east and west.    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2                                     | Q. All the way to the state line?  |
| 3                                     | A. Correct.                        |
| 4                                     | Q. Did that include Eufaula?       |
| . 5                                   | A. Yes.                            |
| <b>6</b>                              | Q. And Barbour County?             |
|                                       | A. Yes.                            |
| 8                                     | Q Did it go down as far as         |
| 9                                     | Abbewille?                         |
| 100                                   | A. No.                             |
| 1 1                                   | Did it include Clayton, Alabama?   |
| 2                                     | A. Yes.                            |
|                                       | Who was the division manager       |
| • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • | before you in Montgomery?          |
|                                       |                                    |
| <b>4</b> 5                            | Bob Taylor.                        |
|                                       | Q. Do you know where he is now?    |
|                                       | Yes.                               |
|                                       | Where is he?                       |
| <b>1</b> 9                            | A. He works for Petrey, also.      |
| 30                                    | Q. Okay. Do you know how long Bob  |
| 21                                    | Taylor was with R.J. Reynolds as a |
| 2 2                                   | division manager in Montgomery?    |
| 2 3                                   | A. No.                             |

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| Q.     | . Do  | you  | know | how | long | hе | has |
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| worked | for F | etre | у?   |     |      |    |     |

- A. Probably around four years.
- Q. Do you know where he worked before he -- or did he go straight from R.J. Reynolds to Petrey?
- A. No. He worked for Russell -- Russell Gasoline, I think is what it's called:
- O. Did you have any specific type of states that you were responsible for when you were division manager in Montgomery?

You mean personally?

Right. Or even as a manager.

It's probably not a very good question.

I'm inst trying to get an idea. I had seen some terminology used about chain accounts and direct accounts and things that I'm not really familiar with. And I didn't know, as a division manager, are you responsible for every cigarette that's

sold by R.J. Reynolds in your geographic

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territory, or do you have overlapping responsibilities maybe with a different type of salesmen, if you --

- A. Some --
- Q. -- understand what I'm asking you there?
- A. Some of the accounts would have been called on by a sales rep, and other accounts would have been called on what was called back then a chain account mana

Now, what about wholesale

managers or wholesale accounts? Wholesale accounts were called on within the division by whoever was assigned to them.

Would Petrey be considered a wholesale account?

> Α. Yes.

**Q**...

- And can you give me some examples of chain accounts that were located in the Montgomery division?
  - Α. Pacecar, Quick Shops, Cougar

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Oils would have been some examples of stores that were chain accounts.

- Q. Can you give me just a rough definition of what a chain account is?
- A. A chain account would -- its classification would have been more than five stores, a group with more than five stores.

Q Would larger retailers like
Bruno's and Big B Drugs or Rite Aid
Pharties, things like that, be
considered a chain account, also?

That is correct.

Are you familiar with Beeline

Store

Yes, I am.

What type of an account is that?

It would be a chain account.

- Q. Were you responsible for Beeline Stores as a division manager in Montgomery?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. You were also responsible for, I

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think you said -- I'm not trying to be redundant -- Petrey Wholesale?

- A. Correct.
- Q. Did you have any salesmen assigned to -- specifically assigned to Petrey Wholesale other than --
  - A. Bob Taylor and Larry Smith.

Q. Do you know where Larry Smith is

He still lives in Montgomery.

Do you know who he works for?

He works for Reynolds Tobacco.

Do you know what his position

I think it's sales

representative.

Who was responsible for the Beel Stores?

- A. I called on them.
- Q. Personally yourself as a division manager?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. How many stores did they have?

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- A. Somewhere between twenty-five and thirty. I'm -- I don't recall back then exactly how many they had.
- Q. Do you know what geographic areas they were located in?
- A. They were in the central part of Alabama and the Panhandle of Florida.
- Q. Were you responsible for display spaces and things like that with Beeline then while you were division manager in Montantery?
  - A. Correct.
- well let's talk about that just for a minut before I move on. What leeway did you have as a division manager as far as deciding or trying to sell display space? In other words, could you try to talk them into end cap space or point of purchase, you know, right there at the cash register space, or was that something that was spelled out by the contract, or if it worked a different way?

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MR. STUHAN: I object to the form of the question. It seems to me that it's multiple questions, so I object on the grounds that it's a compound question. If the witness understands it and can answer it, he's free to do so.

A. The contract specified whether it was a counter display or if it was an end cap display.

just based on -- again, I have very little understanding of how this works, but I've een stores that have several counters in it, you know, or like two cash registers even is a small store. Would the contract provide for counter display to each cash register, or was that something that you, as a sesman, were -- would you go in there and say, you know, I want -- we would like for you to purchase a -- or, we would like to purchase a counter display by cash registers number one and two?

A. You could -- you have the choice

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end cap in a Bruno's store be the same price as an end cap in a Beeline store?

A. I can't answer because I don't

-- I really don't still -- I don't -- the

end cap in a Beeline store would -- there

would not be one in there because it was a

convenience store.

Okay. Would there be a counter display probably?

A. There would be a counter display in that type of store.

Q. What about -- let's just say -
Impuing this as an example -- a larger

store is there going to be a price

differential between a counter display in

a Beeline store and a counter display in a

Rite lid or a counter display in a

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A. As far as the -- now, again, I don't -- that -- when you say price, I don't understand what price means.

Q. Well, it's my understanding -- again, I might be operating under a

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misunderstanding -- that R.J. Reynolds paid the retailers, I assume, a price for maintaining a display in their stores?

A. Right. If -- the price for the display would remain constant between a Beeline, a Rite Aid, a whatever it might be, for the counter display.

So it wouldn't matter what

traffic or square footage or volume any store was doing, the price that R.J.

Reynolds would pay to the retailer was based on the type of display?

A. The type of display, and volume would have a play in it, too, that the more dollars would be paid if the volume of the account was greater as it went up, as the volume of the products sold went

- Q. Okay. And is it my understanding that what product was displayed was determined by someone higher up or through company management?
  - A. That's correct.

| 1           | Q. When you were division manager          |
|-------------|--|
| 2           | in Montgomery, who was your regional       |
| 3           | manager?                                   |
| 4           | A. Frank Tate.                             |
| 5           | Q. Do you know who Frank Tate              |
|             | reported to?                               |
|             | A. Jim Best.                               |
| 8           | Q. And what was Jim Best's title at        |
| -           | that time?                                 |
| 10          | A. I think it was southeastern             |
| 11          | vice sident or something like that. It     |
| 10 P        | was vP of sales.                           |
|             | Do you know if it was folks like           |
|             | Frank Tate and Jim Best that were making   |
| 15          | decisions on what products were displayed  |
| 16          | or if it was coming from somebody else in  |
| <b>4.</b> 7 | the marketing department or something like |
| 40          | that you know?                             |
|             | A. I don't know.                           |
| 2.0         | Q. Could Frank Tate or Jim Best            |
| 21          | have any say-so in the products that were  |
| 2 2         | displayed, if you know?                    |
| 2 3         | A. I don't know.                           |

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- Q. In addition to displays, did the salesmen have certain controls over pricing?
  - A. No. &a1097v5520H
- Q. What other types of promotional activities were the salesmen responsible for other than display space?
- whatever the promotion was or whatever was decided upon in Winston-Salem through whoever it was -- again, followed chain of command down, and we worked the work plan, which is -- the work plan was whatever they determined we were going to be promoting or doing that month.

were there, if you can give me some examples, other than obviously display space. In other words, what did you do or did R.J. Reynolds, as a company, do to promote the sale of their product?

A. There would have been offers of a buy one, get one free or cents off promotions, based on specific brands.

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|      | Q.    | Now,  | as f | ar a | s the  | cent  | ts c | f f |    |
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| sale | sman  | would | have | som  | e leev | way v | with | as  | to |
| how  | many  | cents | off? |      |        |       |      |     |    |

- A. No. It was typically done with coupons.
- Q. Could the salesman decide -- as opposed to a thirty cents off, could he make it a twenty cents off promotion?

  If we had had dual coupons, yeah he could have. That would have been possible.

involved or aware of any litigation involved M.O. Carroll and R.J. Reynolds?

A. Was I aware of it?

Q. Right.

Yes, I was.

- Q. Were you deposed in that case?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you know what that case involved?
  - A. Yes.

| 1         | Q. What did it involve?                  |
|-----------|--|
| 2         | A. Well, I was I was not                 |
| 3         | deposed. I did give testimony in the     |
| 4         | trial.                                   |
| ,         | Q. Trial. What did your testimony        |
|           | concern in that case?                    |
|           | A. Basically how what we did at          |
| 8         | Petrey, how we operated.                 |
|           | Q Were you already at Petrey at          |
| 10        | the time?                                |
| 11        | That's correct.                          |
| <b>42</b> | v. Were you ever furnished any           |
|           | information at any time, whether well,   |
|           | at any time during your employment with  |
| 4)        | R.J. eynolds regarding health effects of |
|           | smoking?                                 |
|           | No.                                      |
| 1.00      | (Whereupon, Plaintiff's Exhibit          |
| 9         | Number 1 was marked for                  |
| 20        | identification and a copy of             |
| 2 1       | same is attached hereto.)                |
| 2 2       | Q. Mr. Hinson, I'm going to show         |
| 2 3       | you what has been marked as Plaintiff's  |

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Exhibit 1. Do you ever recall --

- A. God, I can't read that.
- Q. Well, I mean, it's not a good copy. Take a minute to read that, if you can. If you've got any questions about what you're seeing, I maybe can help you.
  - A. (Witness complies.)
- Q. Here, you can keep that if you need to Have you ever seen that document before, that you can recall?

No, I haven't.

That at a time back around 1990?

No.

Q. Had you ever made any request or -- that your sales personnel perform any type an audit or anything similar to this?

- A. No, sir.
- Q. I assume then you never received any request through management to identify stores similar to the ones that are

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identified in Plaintiff's Exhibit 1?
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                No, I didn't.
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      it?
                No, sir.
                Do you have any understanding of
      what definition of a retail young
      adult smoker retailer account is?
                No, I don't. I don't understand
         I understand what he's saying here, but
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      I -- you know, I guess that's something
      that he either determined himself or she
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3 going to ask you about. Have you ever 4 heard of or met or are familiar with in any way the name of R.G. Warlick? Α. I have not heard of him. I have heard the name McMahon at some point in time, but I do not remember what it was about. Did you ever receive any correspondence from any source regarding the young adult market? Not that I recall, no. Was the young adult market ever discussed at any sales meetings? Not that I recall, no. A How often would y'all have sales meet nes? MR. STUHAN: During what period of time? MR. ESDALE: '85 to '91. 22 Α. Probably once every four to six

or whoever this R.G. is.

Let me -- and that's what I was

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| 1          | Q. (BY MR. ESDALE) Who all would          |
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| 2          | that involve as far as geographic         |
| 3          | territories?                              |
| 4          | A. It would involve the regional          |
| 5          | manager and division people. And then the |
|            | division would have a meeting with their  |
|            | sales people.                             |
| <b>B</b>   | Q. Were there any national meetings       |
| 9          | that you attended?                        |
| 10         | No.                                       |
| 11         | At any time, ever?                        |
| 32         | A. I'm trying to remember. I did          |
| 13         | to one in Orlando. I can't remember if    |
|            | it was a national meeting or not.         |
| <b>1</b> 5 | Do you know about when that was?          |
| (16)       | A. It was the early '90s, '90, '91,       |
| 17         | somewhere in there.                       |
| 1.8        | Was it while you were still in            |
|            | Huntsville or after you moved to          |
| 20         | Montgomery?                               |
| 21         | A. I think it was after I went to         |
| 22         | Montgomery.                               |
| 2 3        | Q. Was there any one person during        |

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the '85 to '91 time period that would be like the head of the sales force, to your knowledge, on a national basis?

A. I think -- and again, I can't remember exact time frames. Yancey Ford was the president, vice-president of sales for the company, and I'm not sure exactly the dates and time frames that he was there.

Just, again, to make sure, did you ever receive any request at any time during your employment with R.J. Reynolds to identify young adult smoking accounts or smoker accounts?

Not that I recall, no.

Did you ever receive any request to concentrate any advertising or promotional efforts in areas in the general vicinity of high schools or college campuses?

A. No.

Q. The products that were displayed in the displays you were talking about and

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the products that were made the basis for these other types of promotional activities, I think you mentioned a two for one and cents off coupons, did those encompass the entire product line of R.J. Reynolds, or were there primarily specific products that were concentrated on?

Can you give me some of the brands that were chosen by management to be promoted during the '85 to '91 time period?

They were brand specific.

Winston, Salem, Camel, Vantage, and Doral.

at different times, or did the types of promotion vary from product to product?

It varied.

Q. Can you give me any examples of anything other than the cents off, two for one, and display areas that were used to increase the sales of any of these products?

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- Q. Do you specifically recall anything with regard to the Camel brand?
- A. There were hats and, I think, T-shirts.
- And what type of promotion was

It would have again been buy something, get something free.

So it wasn't always a buy something and get the product free? It was being tobacco product, cigarettes free -- there were other types of give ways?

been -- it was considered a buy something, buy two packs, three packs, whatever the pack purchase might have been, and get another pack free or get a hat free or get a T-shirt free.

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|     | Q.    | Would   | the   | retai  | ilers | have  | hats  |
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| did | this  | involve | e mai | ling   | somet | hing  | back  |
| in? |       |         |       |        |       |       |       |

- A. It would have been packaged at the store in a package. They would have purchased the whole package at one time.
  - What about Winston?

    A. Same.
- Q. Do you recall if Winston had a hat T-shirt deal going on?
- Me was generally the same type of things.

I can't rememer specifics, but

Aside from receiving any literature on smoking and health, was that topic ever discussed at any sales meetings?

Not that I recall.

- Q. Did any of your accounts or customers at any time ever ask you any questions about smoking and health?
  - A. No, not that I recall.
  - Q. Do you still call on stores

| 1        | today?                                    |
|----------|---|
| 2        | A. Occasionally.                          |
| 3        | Q. Do you call on any stores in           |
| 4        | Barbour County?                           |
| y 5      | A. No.                                    |
|          | Q. At any time I think you                |
| •        | mentioned earlier about Beeline have      |
| 8        | you called on stores in Barbour County?   |
| 2        | A. Time frame?                            |
| 10       | Q. Any time. I guess my question          |
| 11       | would this. When is the last time you     |
| #2       | have been to Barbour County?              |
| <b>3</b> | Probably the last time I was in           |
| 14       | Barbour County was '95, '96.              |
| 115      | And what were you there for?              |
| 46       | A. For the M.O. Carroll trial.            |
| 2.0      | Any time other than that as far           |
| 1.8      | as sales responsibilities or promotional  |
| 99       | activities go?                            |
| 2.0      | A. I can remember being over there,       |
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| 21       | but I can't remember a date or a time. It |
| 2 2      | was it would have been in the early       |
| 2 3      | '90s.                                     |

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|       | Q.    | Do | you | s t | ill | have | any | contact | - |
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- A. Yes.
- Q. Who?

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now.

- A. Dan Walden.
- Q. What is his title?
- A. Excuse me?

What is his title?

I think he's the marketing now.

Where does he live, if you know?

I think he lives in Troy,

Anybody else with Beeline?

Not that I have any contact with

Do you know how much the -- how much a display costs, in other words, what amount would it be that R.J. Reynolds would pay to a convenience store to have a counter display?

MR. STUHAN: I object to the

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question to the extent it asks him to tell you what it costs today, insofar as he's testified that he hasn't worked for Reynolds for five and a half years and anything he would say on that subject would be pure speculation. If you are asking him for how much it would cost at some earlier period, putting aside my reservations about the relevance of all of this, I think you ought to identify a part and ar period for him to talk about.

Q. (BY MR. ESDALE) Any time during the last time you were working for R.J.

Reynolds?

Again, I don't know -- remember specific numbers, but it would range anywhere probably from six dollars to -- a month to twenty-eight, thirty dollars a month.

- Q. That's for a counter --
- A. A counter.
- Q. -- display?
- A. Correct.

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- O. Which is what size?
- A. About the size of these two pieces of paper (indicating).
- Q. It's about sixteen inches wide by maybe --
  - A. Eighteen.
  - Q. -- eleven inches tall?
  - A Deep, yeah.
- Q. Did you also -- or were you involved with end caps at other retail stores ther than convenience stores?
- A. I don't think we had that many

  Montgomery simply because it was a

  package oriented type locations. We

  didn't have a whole lot of supermarkets

  that we called on directly. They were all

  called on by someone else that would have

  been chain-oriented.
- Q. Who were the chain account folks back in the '85 to '91 time period, if you recall?
  - A. John Sweeney and Bob Huffman.
    - MR. ESDALE: I think that's all

| 1   | I've got.                              |
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| 2   | MR. STUHAN: I have no                  |
| 3   | questions.                             |
| 4   | MR. WILLIAMS: I have no                |
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Deer All:

Comments in product is needed back in this office no later than damment 20. I need all of you to study the accorded scroll list of mouthly accounts in your sestiment that are presently doing nore than 100 my for purposes of the stores that are heavily frequented by young adult shoppers. These stores can be in close promisity to colleges high seconds or areas when there are a large number of young adults frequent the store.

The purpose of this emerges, is to be able to identify those stores during 1900 where we would may to keep premium 12ms in stores at all sines. I dight add, these stores may or may not have Preferred Presence units. I dealine that you do not have enough time between now and Jenuary 22nd to visit all stores in your assignment, but by now I would think you would have a good feeling on this subject. Should you absolutely need more time to identify any particular convenience store, please advise upon receipt of this latter. I am asking you to terms this list high-lighting mose stores there you are classifying as young adult.

Thenking bu in advance on this subject.

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RJR Sales Company
2508 N. Moore Avenue
Moore, Divisionna 72150

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R.G. Wartick Division Manager

April 5, 1990 .

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ALL AREA SALES REPRESENTATIVES
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CHAIN SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

SUBJECT MOUNT ADULT MARKET SIS ACCOUNT GROUPING

Ladies on Gentlemen:

Die to a revision in the definition of what is a Remil Young Achilt Smoker Retailer Account, you will be required to resulmit again your list of Y.A.S. accounts in your terminal beliaing the somell masters. The criteria for you to written in identifying these accounts are as follows:

- (1) All package action college compass from, adjacent to are in the general vaccinary of the schools or College Compas. (under 30 years of ace)
- (2) The majority of package times accounts would qualify in such thems as Norman, Off

You should identify wall of the selected accounts in the left margin on the account would list as a

- YAI # High volume parties action accounts where you would normally sall 60 prits plus of our package promotions program.
- YAZ Rich volume parties accounts where you would normally sell 20 parts plus of our package promotions progress.

Please to not take endesive time in complexing this list and rely molely then your thouledge of your territory. Please complete this list immediately the receipt and sail back to the Division Office.

· Your mirely follow through is most important.

Sincerely Funded
R.G. Warlick

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